GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EMPLOYMENT GROWTH IN TEXTILE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether a Working Group on Textiles and Jute has projected a growth of employment in the handicrafts sector @ 3% annually during Tenth Plan;

(b) If so, the extent to which the above projection has been fulfilled so far;

(c) The number of artisans employed so far in the Textiles and Jute sector;

(d) Whether the Government has submitted the projection growth of employment in the handicrafts sector to the Planning Commission for inclusion in the approach paper of 11th Plan;

(e) If so, the details thereof; and

(f) The steps taken by the Government to achieve the projected growth of employment during the remaining period of Tenth Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Till 2005-2006, the penultimate year of the Xth Five Year Plan, satisfactory progress has been achieved to fulfill the projected growth of employment in the Handicrafts Sector.

(c) As per all India Census of Handicrafts Artisans conducted during 1995-96 by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), the estimated figures of the artisans employed was 47.61 lakhs. However, no firm data is available regarding employment in the Handicrafts Sector. The Sub-Group on Handicrafts on Xth Plan had estimated that the employment in the sector would reach 67.70 lakhs by the end of Xth Plan (2006-07).

(d) The Sub-Group for the XIth Five Year Plan is examining the issue and will soon submit its recommendations to the Planning Commission, which would include figures on growth projection in the Handicrafts Sector.

(e) In view of above, does not arise

(f) New Initiatives have been taken, which include the launching of new schemes and addition of components to the existing schemes, viz., Credit Guarantee Scheme, Bima Yojana, and Facility Centre Scheme with Public Private participation, to achieve the projected growth of employment during the remaining period of Xth Plan.